Lands under cultivation in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram.

122. *Mr. V. S. **Arumukham Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of lands under paddy cultivation throughout the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ;

(*b*) the extent of lands under cocoanut, rubber, tea and cardamom cultivation throughout the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ;

(*c*) the amount of land revenue derived from paddy lands throughout the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ; and

(*d*) the total land revenue derived from the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram ?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) The information required is available in the Statistics of Travancore.

(*b*) The information required is available in the Statistics of Travancore except in the case of cardamom, 25 acres under cardamom cultivation in the Tovala taluk and none in the Agastisvaram taluk.

(*c*) The *ayacut* tax due on wet lands in 1111 M. E. is Rs. 3,05,421-17-3.

(*d*) The total *ayacut* tax due in 1111 M. E. was Rs. 3,39,672-8-13.

Designs for Periyar Bridge at the Alwaye-Parur crossing.

123. *Mr. G. **Narayana Aiyar** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have called for alternate designs for the construction of the bridge over the Periyar river at the Alwaye-Parur crossing ; and

(*b*) whether any design was prepared for the said bridge by the P. W. D. ; and, if so, who prepared the same ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, the Chief Engineer.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to part (*a*), may I know how many alternate designs have been received ?

Mr. G. B E. Truscott : None ;

Supply of drinking water in Kumarakam and other places of Kuttanad.

124. *Mr M. N. **Narayana Menon** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the absence of pure drinking water in Kumarakam and other places of Kuttanad has come to their notice ; and

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(*b*) whether they have any measures in view for supplying drinking water to those places ?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No representation on the subject has been received from the people of Kumarakam. But people of Moncombu, Kainakari and other places of Kuttanad have brought the fact to the notice of Government.

(*b*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon (*Kottayam*): കുമരകത്തെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുമോ?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റ് യഥാസമയം ആലോചിക്കാം.

Joining of the Mavelilthodu with the Vembanad lake.

125. ***Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years it is since the people have been petitioning them to cut open the Mavelil *thodu* running from the Illikal river so as to connect it with the Vembanad lake ; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken in connection with this ?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Two years and eight months.

(*b*) An estimate has been received from the Chief Engineer; but the P. W. D, is considering the desirability or otherwise of changing the alignment already adopted in the above estimate.

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